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Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 5224th meeting of the Security Council, held on 8 July 2005, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council condemns in the strongest possible terms the assassination of the recently appointed Head of the Egyptian Mission to Iraq, H.E. Ambassador Ihab El Sherif on 7 July and expresses its condolences to the family of the victim and to the Government and people of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

"The Security Council also condemns all terrorist attacks in Iraq, including the attempted assassinations of diplomats from Bahrain and Pakistan and attacks against other civilian personnel.

"The Security Council emphasizes that there can be no justification for such terrorist acts and underlines the need to bring to justice the perpetrators.

"The Security Council reaffirms its unwavering support for the Iraqi people in their political transition, as outlined in UNSCR 1546. The Security Council also reaffirms Iraq's independence, sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity and calls upon the international community to stand by the Iraqi people in their pursuit of peace, stability and democracy.

"The Security Council welcomes Egypt's continued commitment in this regard, as stated in a letter by the Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt addressed to the President of the Council (S/2005/438) and recognizes the important role of Egypt and other neighbouring countries in supporting the political process, helping control transit across Iraq's borders, and extending other support to the Iraqi people."

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